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A. CURRENT OBJECTIVES

1) The overall objective of Project LIBEAT, now in its fourteenth year of existence, is to provide for a completely unilateral telephone tap mechanism, capable of leading the direct, continuing support necessary to cover individual targets and operational programs levied on Mexico City Station by the current Related Mission Directive (RMD) as well as specific target-of-opportunity requests from Headquarters and other stations. While Project LIBEAT primarily fulfills standing requirements to provide viable intelligence and operational support data on selected targets, some positive intelligence is produced as a by-product of this operation.

2) The corollary objectives of Project LIBEAT are as follows:

- a. To provide an agent net of experienced linemen and centralmen within the Mexico telephone company capable of unilaterally placing taps on any target telephone in Mexico City of interest to the Station or Headquarters.
- b. To provide a series of compartmented, clandestine basehouses with trained basehouse keepers to serve as terminal recording/listening posts for the taps placed by the LIBEAT linemen and centralmen.
- c. To provide for the support and maintenance of long-time career agent David M. HILLMAN, the "outside" LIBEAT case officer.
- d. To provide a stable of trained translators/transcribers capable of translating and transcribing the results of our "take" received from the LIBEAT tape as well as material for other selected station programs.

3) As in the past, these objectives can and will be achieved by the continued operational exploitation of the existing LIBEAT linemen, centralmen, transcribers/translators, basehouses and basehouse keepers. These above cited objectives are in conformance with and represent the partial fulfillment of the following sections of the current Related Mission Directive, as approved for Mexico City Station:

Priority A

Section 1, Subsection a
Section 2, Subsection b

Priority B

Section 1, Subsection a
Section 2, Subsection b

B. CHANGES

- 1) Administrative. As per Headquarters suggestions codified in RMD-12901, dated 22 September 1964, the early maintenance, and support of career agent

David N. WILSTED, the outside LIFEMT case officer, (formerly maintained under Project LINOC, which is now being terminated), is herewith being integrated into the LIFEMT Project. This action, hopefully, will decrease the administrative burden involved in the management of two projects and will give a more realistic picture of the expenses involved in LIFEMT, since 90% of WILSTED's activities are directly related to this project.

2) Operational Mechanism - Project LIFEMT has undergone one major operational change during the past year. In late 1963, Project LIFEMT lost its previous access to the telephone company central exchanges (centrals) due to the company's increased control of personnel movements within and between these centrals. As a direct result of this loss of access, LIFEMT was forced to revert to its original method of taping in street distribution boxes, a method which is not only less secure but which also limits the extent of possible coverage. Therefore in early 1964, the Station took steps to spot and assess a new agent capable of providing access to the centrals under the telephone company's new system of personnel control. After discarding four potential candidates, the fifth candidate was recruited in mid-1964 after careful assessment and development by LIFEMD-1. By late 1964, the new access agent in the centrals, LIFEMD-19, had become most proficient in his operational "tap" assignments. Thus LIFEMT is now again able to establish its taps in the telephone centrals, which has greatly enhanced the scope and efficiency of this operation. A detailed report covering the operational and technical procedures used at present by LIFEMT in establishing taps was forwarded to Headquarters as HMG-24321, dated 29 September 1964, and is available should further technical details be desired.

3) Personnel

a. Wayne C. DRAHARD (P)/LIFED-24 (201-119525)

In November 1964, Wayne C. DRAHARD, WILSTED's assistant, departed Mexico with his wife, a KUBRK staffer who had been transferred PGS from this Station. (Prior to this departure, Station requested that LIFED-24's operational approval be amended to include the duties performed by DRAHARD. This amendment to LIFED-24's approval was received in HMG-15820, dated 13 August 1964.) DRAHARD was replaced on 1 November 1964 by LIFED-24, who after a suitable overlap period, assumed the daily contact with various LIFEMT basehouse keepers and typists/ifiers. LIFED-24 has proven to be most adept at agent handling and has cheerfully accepted the increased responsibility and work load.

b. LIFED-32 (201-743546)

The operational approval for the use of LIFED-32 (see Section B, CHANGES, paragraph 2) was granted via HGR-28671, dated 17 June 1964.

c. LIFED-33 (201-760676)

A two-month extension on Subject's HGR 176 use as an assistant basehouse keeper was granted by HMG-13684, dated 24 April 1965. Requisite HMG Part II information is now being compiled.

- d. LIFBUD-35 (formerly LIFCRAB-1) (201-74627)
 An OA, effective 30 December 1964, was received via HNNA-1270, dated 9 January 1965, for Subject's use as a LIFEAT basehouse keeper. Subject and his wife, LIFBUD-36, are employed as basehouse keepers at LIFEAT ANNEX V.
- e. LIFBUD-39 (formerly LIFCRAB-2) (201-764713)
 A PUA effective 10 December 1964 was received on Subject via HNNA-13220, dated 16 December 1964. Recipient's PSC Part III information is being compiled and will be forwarded.
- f. LIFBUD-37
 A PUA for Subject's use as translator/interpreter was received via DIR-11995 on 21 May 1965.
- g. LIFBUD-4 (201-117743)
 HNNA-24054, dated 6 August 1964 forwarded the Agent Service Record of Subject, who died of natural causes on 11 July 1964.
- h. LIFBUD-14/LIFBUD-17 (ack-117972)/(201-185370)
 HNNA-24266, dated 10 September 1964, forwarded the Agent Service Records for LIFBUD-14 and LIFBUD-17, basehouse keepers who were terminated due to marital difficulties.
- i. LIFBUD-16 (201-232786)
 The Agent Service Record for LIFBUD-16, who was terminated due to his loss of access, was forwarded with HNNA-26158, dated 20 May 1965.

A diagram is attached as Annex I to this renewal request, showing all active agents as relating to basehouses and operational assignments.

C. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

1) Positive Intelligence

While LIFEAT is basically targeted to provide KPNESK and "operational support" information, some positive intelligence is derived as a by-product. During the ten-month period from 1 July 1964 through 30 April 1965, project LIFEAT contributed wholly or in part to 19 positive intelligence reports, which were forwarded to Headquarters as follow:

| HNNA 9126 | HNNA 9243 | HNNA 9455 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 9127 | 9230 | 9472 |
| 9141 | 9345 | 9535 |
| 9157 | 9341 | 9543 |
| 9221 | 9399 | 9622 |
| 9226 | 9395 | |
| 9229 | 9322 | |

This relative decrease in numerical production is in part a reflection of the loss of access to the central exchanges during the initial portion of the project year (as detailed in Section B, paragraph 2), but a more

significant indication of the increased emphasis on the basic "operational support" nature of this project.

In addition to the ROME noted above, project LIPERF had provided 23 pages of cabled reports (dissemination of which was left to Headquarters) during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. (MECL-3369, MECL-3370, MECL-3372, MECL-3373, MECL-3374, and MECL-3376, all of 11 May 1965.) Station Mexico City has been orally informed that this information was of great interest and in part was used to answer questions raised by OPLOGIC.

2) KURESK

During the ten-month period under review, the LIPERF project fulfilled a standing requirement to provide KURESK data on the following targets:

- a. Known and suspect Soviet intelligence officers and agents. 9 lines
- b. NMIS/EMET-CHEARVEST-BIZENG-BINFOX installations and officers. 8 lines
- c. American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) (OPLOGIC requests). 2 lines
- d. PERIOD Installation and officers. 5 lines and ADKAN/LIUNEN "hot" installation.
- e. PCM leaders. 7 lines
- f. Special Headquarters requests, STAFFY/KURESK requests, and targets of opportunity. 8 lines

D. EFFECTIVENESS

1) Since 1 July 1964 (through 31 April 1965), Project LIPERF has covered a total of 40 different target lines which produced 2,286 reels of raw "take". When processed by the LIPERF staff related transcription/translators, these reels produced approximately 1,174 pages of "take" for the interested case officers. This total was attained despite the reduction in coverage during the initial portion of the project year as noted in CHANGES above, and does include the number of pages of transcriptions of one LIENVOX line, which is transcribed daily by Project BLEZAR.

2) Highlights of this LIPERF coverage by area of operational interest follow:

SOVIET

- a. LIVESICK 4, former Station asset, possibly in contact with Soviet Embassy, (201-150941)
- b. APTEQUER-1, possible Soviet illegal, (201-133311)
- c. Home telephone of KGB Resident (201-30179).
- d. Home telephone of known KGB officer (201-058129).
- e. Home telephone of known GRU officer (201-130770)
- f. Home telephone of suspect KGB officer (201-211-758027)
- g. Target of special interest to STAFFY, C/KUBON, and OPENVY; former employee of OFLIST in contact with known CIA officer (201-753976)
- h. Target of special interest, ZK APPY/HUNDR
- i. Home/office telephone of known KGB officer (201-132139)

In this area, the LIPERF coverage logically provides information concerning the contacts and activities of the target individuals. The interested Station Rome Officer has a copy of the LIPERF log contract to provide

judicious USES of light hate he behavior and activities of the targets monitored. Of particular interest is the coverage of the subject of 201-753976, a former employee of GPOGIFT who is now in contact with a known SIS officer. LIFCAT is at present the only major Station asset covering this target intensively and the majority of the information which has been developed on this individual has originated with LIFCAT. Prior knowledge from LIFCAT of this individual's recent travel to PEPPEL enabled ODEMLV to locate and interrogate him. In addition, the coverage of one of the above noted Soviet intelligence officers was maintained in support of a possible re-entry of the target for purposes of installing technical surveillance equipment.

PERMEN 5 LINE: In addition to the LIFCAT/LICEMEN technical installation

- a. Home telephone of AMROD-1, PERMEN intelligence officer, in support of the AMROD operation (201-334294).
- b. Home telephone of PERMEN MSGMAN agent (201-355474).
- c. Home telephone of close friend of AMROD family, particularly in support of the AMROD-2 operation (201-357942) (at the request of JMWAVE.)
- d. Home telephone of close friend of ANQUACK-1 (201-117124).
- e. Office telephone of PERMEN Embassy.
- f. LICEMEN/PERMEN technical operations.

Throughout this period, the LIFCAT/LICEMEN phase of this operation, linked with the normal coverage of the telephone in the same office, continued to provide essential information covering the activities in the target office of the PERMEN Embassy. Specifically, significant numbers of visitors to this office and persons travelling to PERMEN, as handled by LIFCAT were of significant interest. In addition, these two installations provided an excellent check on the veracity and completeness of the reporting of traffic under LIFCAT-1. With this agent's recent departure from Mexico, the LIFCAT coverage of the target office formerly handled by LIFCAT-9 has assumed additional importance. The coverage of the known PERMEN MSGMAN agent provided information of significant value during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. During this period, summaries of this traffic were cabled to Headquarters almost daily.

In an evaluation of the LIFCAT project in this area, the senior Headquarters' man officer for the AMROD operation, Major J. WILHARD (P) wrote: "The AMROD operation, a successful deception operation - in fact more than two years against PERMEN was originally planned upon the documentary materials obtained through LIFCAT in 1957. Since the inception of the AMROD operation obtained through LIFCAT in April 1963, LIFCAT has continued to be the main source of information used in this deception, which has had important positive effects in the target country. The most recent specific target of the LIFCAT operation useful in the AMROD operation has been the coverage of AMROD. This coverage, pertaining as it does to the opposition government in the AMROD operation, has enabled AMROD case officers to keep up to date requirements, problems and state of mind, and has made it possible to reflect in the analysis of his character that would otherwise have been possible. In summary, the LIFCAT operation has been and continues to be the best form of the information on which the AMROD operation is based and on which its stated objectives through which its results can be followed in the actual situation properly evaluated and acted upon."

PGM 6 lines - High level PGM leaders, subjects of:

- a. 201-042557
- b. 201-067316
- c. 201-556589
- d. 201-745587
- e. 201-745587
- f. 0000-25610, 17 March 1965

In addition to providing the majority of the positive intelligence reports noted in Section C above, the continued LIFERAT coverage in this area is basically designed to support the Station's CP penetration program and to monitor the activities of various high level CP functionaries. Of special interest was the coverage of subject of 201-067316, who is actively engaged in Party COMMUNIST activities. LIFERAT's coverage in this area provided the initial information on various planned trips by high ranking PGM members, the site and date of a PGM leadership training school, and served as an excellent check on the Station's various penetration agents. In addition, the Station's continuing MEXPAHN operation targeted against the PGM bookstore is based largely on LIFERAT information; LIFERAT information also provides an excellent check on the effectiveness as well as the PGM reaction to this operation. Finally, the coverage of Subject of 0000-25610, dated 17 March 1965, was instituted in direct support of the recruitment operation targeted against Subject, planned for late May 1965.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE GROUP IN MEXICO (ACGM) 2 lines

The home telephones of two ACM leaders at the request of ODEINT, subjects of:

- a. 201-056648
- b. 201-062585

In reference to this LIFERAT coverage of the ACM lines, the local ODEINT office has written: "Based on evaluation of all information received from such coverage, this office feels that it is very valuable and many useful leads are obtained, particularly with regard to travel in and out of Mexico of American Communists who are in contact with individuals on whom coverage is maintained. It provides us with information on their activities not presently available through any other source."

NYKIS/LCHAVES 3 lines

- a. DMLP official installation, 5 telephone
- b. DMLP official installation (new office)
- c. Home telephone of DMLP official (201-052111)
- d. Home telephone of the REDIN Intelligence Service Resident (201-279126) (REINORN)

Specific highlights in this area of activities:

Emergency coverage was provided on the basis of NMEN and that a KUBARK
personality task". Although the projected recruitment of right never
materialized, the rapid fulfillment of this coverage and proved the
value of KUBARK in supporting unilateral Station actions on short notice.
In the DMZ area, KUBARK proved to be a continuing source of information
on the activities of the members of the official DMZI installation in
Yedro. In addition, this coverage was a valuable check on DMZI, a
Station agent in place in the DMZI installation.

From 1 July 1964 through 24 December 1964, project LIBEPAI continued to be a reliable source of information on the activities of the officers of the LIBARVSP installation and provided identification of many of their Mexican contacts. In January 1965, the LIBEVOY Project assumed the coverage of this line; however, the daily "take" from this line is still fully transcribed by Project LIBEPAI for passage to LIBAMA.

WHO ARE THE REQUEST/TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY 8 Lines

Was macht Intermediärer erf möglich sonst?

- b. UNION-177 (Special ZINTAFFV/KUDESK version)
c. Subject of HSA-25563, 29 April 1965 (ZINTAFFV/KUDESK)
d. LIPPERHEIM-B
e. 5 target of opportunity lines

One of the "target of opportunity" lines was initiated in an effort to verify or refute a report that the same individual who had LIEPAN was possibly engaged in clandestine or "police" type activities. This coverage revealed no clandestine activity and thus afforded an additional degree of protection to the sensitive LIEPAN offices. The LIEPAN coverage of LIEWARE-3, a terminated and discreditable member of the Station's principal surveillance team, was initiated after a blackmail attempt on the part of LIEWARE-3. This coverage was carried until such time as it became clear that no additional blackmail effort would be forthcoming from LIEWARE-3.

E. BORGES

- 1) On various occasions throughout the past project year, telephone company crews, engaged in re-wiring street distribution boxes in conjunction with the company's modernization program, have "invaded" areas served by LIPFAT households. In several instances, the telephone crews discovered certain household items according to their records, should have not been in said house in fact "it" didn't used to route LIPFAT tags. In all cases, the STC crew in fact "it" didn't used to route LIPFAT tags. In all cases, WILSTED and the LIPFAT crew were able to remove all traces of these tags before the telephone crews could verify and record their arrival and/or reading. Consequently, "tags" were avoided in all cases but it was necessary to inquire or request authority from affected households until such time as the crews i.e. left the area. Although this problem will continue to plague LIPFAT for some time to come, WILSTED and the LIPFAT linemen are making a special effort to begin advance warning of telephone company crews working in "in areas" served by LIPFAT households.

2. During the past year, LIFEM-14, LIFEM-15 and LIFEM-36 were afforded LIFEM-14 evaluations with satisfactory results and David H. MILLER was given a favorable status in operational and personnel security by a Headquarters' Training Officer.

III. LIAISON

The only liaison in which Project LIFEM is involved is that with the local ODRNY office, in relation to the coverages on the AFCON targets. The ODRNY office translates the raw "Take" and provides Station Mexico City with a copy of the finished transcript.

IV. INTEGRITY CONSIDERATION

No integrity consideration is required in Project LIFEM.

V. PLANS

The Station plans to continue this project without basic administrative or operational changes (except those noted in Section B.) for the ensuing project year. The Station will continue to review regularly the operational value of each agent to determine if any of the DDFAT personnel can be terminated without seriously affecting either the security or the efficiency of the operation. (See Note 11 for the general operational duties of all active DDFAT personnel).

VI. COSTS

1) For the past project year, Proj. int LIFEM was approved for the period 1 July 1964 through 30 June 1965 in an amount of \$16,741. Of this amount, approximately \$69,000 will be expended by 1 July 1965. In addition, the related LIFEM project was re-acted for the same period for an amount of \$19,338. Of this amount, approximately \$17,250 will be expended by 1 July 1965. Thus, the total amount expended during the last project year for the overall LIFEM activity is approximately \$17,000. During the past project year, the Station Code Officer devoted approximately 20 hours per month to Project LIFEM, while David H. MILLER, the Station Liaison, also 1/4 hour, devoted approximately 60 hours per month to the LIFEM surface and air coverage with LIFEM. The Station Administrative/support section estimates that it devoted approximately 2 hours per month to the support of Project LIFEM.

2) For the ensuing project year, approval is requested for the renewal of Project LIFEM for the period 1 July 1965 through 30 June 1966, for the amount of \$155,072.00. Section Xxxxxx City has previously programmed Project LIFEM for \$155,000 in the FY 1966 Budget Program. As per the Headquarters' request contained in AFDDA-4350, dated 21 September, the expenses of the outside LIFEM case officer, MILLER, formerly assigned to Project LIFEM, are herewith integrated into the LIFEM Project. The addition of the expenses reflected to the maintenance of MILLER's office, the ever-increasing costs of telephone rentals and additional liaison with the AFCON for all AFCON transferences to handle the LIFEM coverage have dictated the fact that total cost involved in Project LIFEM as compared with previous years.

a. Salaries

FY 1968

Career and contract agents:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| David K. WILSTED (including possible pay raise) | 13,615 |
| (US 13, career agent) | |
| | |
| Carol K. CORNELLER (translator) | 6,800 |
| Olga A. PAVINIK (translator) | 5,800 |
| LIV/SDP-30 (translator) | 3,600 |
| | <hr/> <u>16,215</u> |

Field Agents:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| LIFWD-1 (Principal Mission agent for operations) | 6,500 |
| LIFWD-2 (located) | 2,800 |
| LIFWD-3 (located) | 2,000 |
| LIFWD-5 (basehouse keeper) | 3,650 |
| LIFWD-6 (See Olga A. PAVINIK, contract agent above) | |
| LIFWD-7 (basehouse keeper) | 3,000 |
| LIFWD-8 (basehouse keeper) | 2,800 |
| LIFWD-9 (assistant basehouse keeper and transcriber) | 2,600 |
| LIFWD-15 (basehouse keeper) | 600 |
| LIFWD-24 (basehouse keeper) | 1,800 |
| LIFWD-26 (basehouse keeper) | 1,400 |
| LIFWD-34 (centralized) | 2,000 |
| LIF/SDP-35 (basehouse keeper) | 1,250 |
| LIF/SDP-37 (translator) | 3,200 |
| LIC/PTY-12 (translator) | 3,000 |
| Agent to be recruited as additional translator Caribbean bonus (by local requirements-one month's salary) and gifts where necessary | 2,000 |
| | <hr/> <u>3,500</u> |
| | <hr/> <u>12,115</u> |

b. Basehouse expenses:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| WILSTED baseing allowances | 3,500 |
| Rent Annex II (MECI-98) | 1,500 |
| Rent Annex IV (MECI-75) | 2,400 |
| Rent Annex V (MECI-96) | 1,600 |
| Rent Annex VI (MECI-85) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex VII (MECI-8) | 2,000 |
| Rent Annex VIII (MECI-L) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex IX (MECI-97) | 3,000 |
| LIVEST/LIVERY Relay base (MECI-39) | 1,600 |
| Basehouse utilities and maintenance | 3,500 |
| Allowance for rental/utility increase | 1,000 |

c. Local purchase replacement parts, wire, supplies,
equipment repair

1,000

12,000

d. Transportation - includes payment to agents for use of
POV on daily operational business.

| | |
|---|--------------|
| NW 2559 (used by WILSDEN expenses for 6 months) | \$ 300 |
| Replacement vehicle for NW 2559 | 3,500 |
| Use of LIFSD-2's POV | 500 |
| Use of LIFSD-3's POV | 400 |
| Use of LIFSD-7's POV | 400 |
| Use of LIFSD-8's | 500 |
| Use of LIFSD-9's POV | 500 |
| Mileage (official) paid to ZWYSERLICH | 200 |
| | <u>6,400</u> |

e. Miscellaneous administrative expense:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| WILSDEN home leave (eligible 1 February 1965) | 2,000 |
| WILSDEN educational allowances | 450 |
| WILSDEN operational travel | 200 |
| | <u>2,650</u> |

f. MISCELLANEOUS operational expense

Facilities contingency fund, loss of rental deposits,
briefcase, storage and moving expenses.

1,000

TOTAL \$107,200 U.S.

J. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

1) In the event of civil disorders or an evolution of complete or enforced neutrality on the part of the host government it is believed that regular operational contact could be maintained with the native agents, with only minor changes in the existing communications systems.

2) In the most unlikely event of the establishment of a regime hostile to OXFROK, limited but continued contact could probably be maintained with the regular operational assets. It is believed that LIFSD would, under the conditions described above, be able to continue to operate against current or new targets.

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LIFEDD-30

LIFEDD-19

LIFEDD-10

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MAP INSTALLATION

McNamee LIFEDD-2

Pancreta LIFEDD-3

Control Room

LIFEDD-22

C. O.

LIFEM (typical for early 1965)

David M. WILSON
LIFEDD-24

ANNEX II
LIFEDD-1
LIFEDD-31

ANNEX IV
LIFEDD-25
LIFEDD-29

ANNEX V
LIFEDD-37
LIFEDD-36

ANNEX VI
LIFEDD-24
LIFEDD-26

ANNEX VII
LIFEDD-8
LIFEDD-12

ANNEX VIII
LIFEDD-7
LIFEDD-9
LIFEDD-10

ANNEX IX
LIFEDD-5
LIFEDD-11
LIFEDD-15

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL DUTIES OF LIAISON PERSONNEL

- 1) David M. WILSON - As the outside LIAISON case officer, career agent WILSON's primary duties are as follows: Overall supervision of tap installation, tap routing, and tap security; resolution of the many and complex technical and maintenance problems inherent in a technical project of this magnitude; bearing the first echelon accountability for the expenditures of approximately \$70,000 U. S. per year as well as the accountability for approximately \$25,000 of Bureau/LIAISON property; and bearing, together with the Station case officer, the overall responsibility for the day-to-day agent handling for 24 LIAISON agents.
- 2) LIAISON-24 - In addition to his duties as a basehouse keeper, LIAISON-24 bears the responsibility for daily contact with six base house keepers and two translators. This involves early morning agent meetings for tape and translation pick-up, the reporting of what references and file work is necessary, and in general relieving WILSON and the Station case officer of much routine LIAISON log work.
- 3) LIAISON-1 - In addition to his duties as a basehouse keeper, LIAISON-1 also serves as the Mexican principal agent for this Project. Subject's major functions are assisting WILSON in tap installation planning, coordination of tap installations with the LIAISON centralists and liaison, and serving as a spotter and contact channel into the telephone company.
- 4) LIAISON-2 and LIAISON-3 (liaison) and LIAISON-32 (centralman) - A detailed report covering subjects' precise duties and activities involved in tap installations was forwarded to Headquarters as HQRL-24399, dated 29 September 1964 and is available should further explanation be desired.
- 5) LIAISONs 1, 31, 25, 29, 35, 36, 24, 33, 8, 12, 7, 10, 9, 11, and 15 - Basehouse keepers - The most important duties of the above mentioned basehouse keepers, who man this project's 7 compartmented basehouses, are those relating to security. This includes the maintenance of the "cover" of the basehouse (in most cases a family residence) during daily inspections of the immediate area for the presence of telephone company visit crews, and when necessary delaying those crews in inspecting the tap routing lines on the basehouse until appropriate LIAISON assets can "cut back" or remove the tap. The minor servicing of the dialers, the changing of reels, and the passing of these reels to LIAISON-24, WILSON, or the case officer, are important but secondary tasks.
- 6) Carol K. ZIMMERMAN, Olga K. HARRISON, LIAISON-9, LIAISON-30 and LIAISON-10 - Translators/transcribers - The Spanish dictated on the LIAISON reels is transcribed and transcribed into English by these agents, (with the exception of LIAISON-9 who transcribes into Spanish only). In addition, this group possesses the capability to translate French, Dutch, and German and is frequently called upon to assist other Station activities, such as providing transcriptions of recorded agent debriefings and the transcription of articles for newspaper placement.

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LIFEAT (typical for early 1969)

DAVID M. WILSON
LIFED-24

ANNEX XII
LIFED-1
LIFED-21

ANNEX XV
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LIFED-29

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a. Wayne C. DRABAND (P)/LIFEUD-24 (201-119525)

In November 1964, Wayne C. DRABAND, WILSTED's assistant, departed Mexico with his wife, a KUBARK staffer who had been transferred PCS from this Station. (Prior to this departure, Station requested that LIFEUD-24's operational approval be amended to include the duties performed by DRABAND. This amendment to LIFEUD-24's approval was received in HMMW-12820, dated 13 August 1964.) DRABAND was replaced on 1 November 1964 by LIFEUD-24, who after a suitable overlap period, assumed the daily contact with various LIFEAT basehouse keepers and transcribers. LIFEUD-24 has proven to be most adept at agent handling and has cheerfully accepted the increased responsibility and work load.

b. LIFEUD-32 (201-748946)

The Operational Approval for the use of LIFEUD-32 (see Section B. CHANGES, paragraph 2) was granted via DMR-28611, dated 17 June 1964.

c. LIFEUD-33 (201-760676)

A two-month extension on Subject's PII to use as an assistant basehouse keeper was granted by HMMW-13684, dated 16 April 1965. Requisite PRQ Part II information is now being compiled.

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- d. LIFEUD-35 (Formerly LICRAB-1) (201-740227)
An OA, effective 30 December 1964, was received via HNSA-13270, dated 3 January 1965, for Subject's use as a LIFEAT basehouse keeper. Subject and his wife, LIFEUD-36, are employed as basehouse keepers at LIFEAT ANNEX V.
- e. LIFEUD-35 (formerly LICRAB-2) (201-764713)
A POA effective 10 December 1964 was received on Subject via HNSA-13220, dated 16 December 1964. Requisite PMS Part II information is being compiled and will be forwarded.
- f. LIFEUD-37
A POA for Subject's use as translator/transcriber was received via HNR-11995 on 21 May 1965.
- g. LIFEUD-4 (201-117743)
HNSA-24054, dated 6 August 1964 forwarded the Agent Service Record of Subject, who died of natural causes on 11 July 1964.
- h. LIFEUD-14/LIFEUD-17 (201-117972)/(201-185370)
HNSA-24266, dated 10 September 1964, forwarded the Agent Service Records for LIFEUD-14 and LIFEUD-17, basehouse keepers who were terminated due to marital difficulties.
- i. LIFEUD-16 (201-222786)
The Agent Service Record for LIFEUD-16, who was terminated due to his loss of access, was forwarded with HNSA-26158, dated 20 May 1965.

A diagram is attached as Annex I to this renewal request, showing all active agents as relating to basehouses and operational assignments.

C. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

1) Positive Intelligence

While LIFEAT is basically targeted to provide KUDESK and "operational support" information, some positive intelligence is derived as a by-product. During the ten-month period from 1 July 1964 through 30 April 1965, project LIFEAT contributed wholly or in part to 19 positive intelligence reports, which were forwarded to Headquarters as follow:

| HSA-9126 | HSA-9213 | HSA-9455 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 9127 | 7290 | 9472 |
| 9141 | 7315 | 9535 |
| 9157 | 7341 | 9545 |
| 9221 | 7370 | 9622 |
| 9226 | 7338 | |
| 9229 | " 22 | |

This relative decrease in numerical production is in part a reflection of the loss of access to the central exchanges during the initial portion of the project year (as detailed in Section B, paragraph 2), but a more

significant indication of the increased emphasis on the basic "operational support" nature of this project.

In addition to the BMAs noted above, project LIFEAT had provided 29 pages of cabled reports (dissemination of which was left to Headquarters) during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. (MEXI-3369, MEXI-3370, MEXI-3372, MEXI-3373, MEXI-3374, and MEXI-3376, all of 11 May 1965.) Station Mexico City has been orally informed that this information was of great interest and in part was used to answer questions raised by OPLOGIC.

2) KUDESK

During the ten-month period under review, the LIFEAT project fulfilled a standing requirement to provide KUDESK data on the following targets:

- a. Known and suspect Soviet Intelligence officers and agents. 9 lines
- b. NYKIS/INLIA-LCHARVSK-MIZHAG-BEVOY installations and officers. 8 lines
- c. American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) (ODENWY requests). 2 lines
- d. PERUMEN installation and officers. 5 lines and LIFEAT/LIONEN "hot" installation.
- e. PCN leaders. 7 lines
- f. Special Headquarters requests, ZNTAFFY/KUDESK requests, and targets of opportunity. 8 lines

D. EFFECTIVENESS

1) Since 1 July 1964 (through 30 April 1965), Project LIFEAT has covered a total of 40 different target lines which produced 2,256 reels of raw "take". When processed by the LIFEAT and related transcribers/translators, these reels produced approximately 6,160 pages of "take" for the interested case officers. This total was amassed despite the reduction in coverage during the initial portion of the project year as noted in CHANGES above, and does include the number of pages of transcriptions of one LIENVOY line, which is transcribed daily by Project LIFEAT.

2) Highlights of this LIFEAT coverage by area of operational interest follow:

SOVIET

- a. LIVESTOCK-2, former Station asset, possibly in contact with Soviet Embassy, (201-15094)
- b. AEMIQUELET-1, possible Soviet illegal, (201-153511)
- c. Home telephone of KGB Resident (201-101794)
- d. Home telephone of known KGB officer (201-08122)
- e. Home telephone of known GRU officer (201-11450)
- f. Home telephone of suspect KGB officer (201-211-758017)
- g. Target of special interest to KUDEN, C/KUDO', and ODENWY; former employee of OPLOGIC in contact with known KGB officer (201-753976)
- h. Target of special interest, ZNTAFFY/KUDESK
- i. Home/office telephone of known KGB officer (201-132139)

In this area, the LIFEAT coverage basically provides information concerning the contacts and activities of the target individuals. The interested Station Case Officer has stated that LIFEAT has continued to provide

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valuable KUDESK insight into the behavior and activities of the targets monitored. Of particular interest is the coverage of the subject of 201-753976, a former employee of GLOGIC who is now in contact with a known KGB officer. LIFEAT is at present the only major Station asset covering this target intensively and the majority of the information which has been developed on this individual has originated with LIFEAT. Prior knowledge from LIFEAT of this individual's recent travel to PRPRIMB enabled ODENY to locate and interrogate him. In addition, the coverage of one of the above noted Soviet intelligence officers was maintained in support of a possible re-entry of the target for purposes of installing technical surveillance equipment.

PERUMEN 5 lines in addition to the LIFEAT/LIONEN technical installation

- a. Home telephone of AMRIFT-1, PERUMEN intelligence officer, in support of the ANROD operation (201-334294).
- b. Home telephone of PRPRIMB MRSPAWN agent (201-336474).
- c. Home telephone of close friend of AMRHUG family, particularly in support of the ANTRIT-2 operation (201-357942) (at the request of JEWAVE.)
- d. Home telephone of close friend of AMBUACK-1 (201-117124).
- e. ~~Office telephone of PERUMEN Embassy.~~
- f. LIFEAT/LIONEN technical operation.

Throughout this period, the LIFEAT/LIONEN phase of this operation, linked with the normal coverage of the telephone in the same office, continued to provide operational information covering the activities in the target office of the PERUMEN Embassy. Specifically, the identities and arrivals of visitors to this office and persons travelling to PERUMEN, as provided by LIFEAT were of significant interest. In addition, these two installations provided an excellent check on the veracity and completeness of the reporting of Station asset LITAMIL-9. With this agent's recent departure from Mexico, the LIFEAT coverage of the target office formerly requested by LITAMIL-9 has assumed additional importance. The coverage of the known PERUMEN MRSPAWN agent provided information of significant value during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. During this month, summaries of this take were cabled to Headquarters almost daily.

In an evaluation of the LIFEAT product in this case, the senior Headquarters' case officer for the ANROD operation, Thomas J. KUBARK (P) wrote: "The ANROD operation, a successful deception operation run for more than two years against PERUMEN was originally predicated upon the documentary materials obtained through LIFEAT in 1957. Since the inception of the ANROD operation in April 1963, LIFEAT has continued to be the main source of information used in this deception, which has had important military effects in the target country. The most recent specific target of the LIFEAT operation useful in the ANROD operation has been the coverage of AMRIFT-1. This coverage, pertaining as it does to the opposition case officer in the ANROD operation, has enabled KUBARK case officers to keep up with his movements, problems and state of mind, and has made it possible to effect a fairly accurate evaluation of his character than would otherwise have been possible. In summary, the LIFEAT operation has been and continues to be the principal source of the information on which the ANROD operation is based and on which the principal mechanisms through which its results can be followed and the tactical situation properly evaluated and acted upon."

RCP 6 lines - High level RCM leaders, subjects of:

- a. 201-042557
- b. 201-067016
- c. 201-336369
- d. 201-745387
- e. 201-745927
- f. UNNA-25610, 17 March 1965

In addition to providing the majority of the positive intelligence reports noted in Section C above, the continued LIFEAT coverage in this area is basically designed to support the Station's CP penetration program and to monitor the activities of various high level CP functionaries. Of special interest was the coverage of subject of 201-067016, who is actively engaged in daily LCHARVEST activities. LIFEAT's other coverages in this area provided the initial information on various planned trips by high ranking RCM members, the site and date of a RCM leadership training school, and served as an excellent check on the Station's various penetration agents. In addition, the Station's continuing MHSPAWN operation targeted against the RCM bookstore is based largely on LIFEAT information; LIFEAT information also provides an excellent check on the effectiveness as well as the RCM reaction to this operation. Finally, the coverage of Subject of UNNA-25610, dated 17 March 1965 was instituted in direct support of the recruitment operation targeted against Subject, planned for late May 1965.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE GROUP IN MEXICO (ACGM) 2 lines

The home telephones of two ACMG leaders at the request of ODEWVY, subjects of:

- a. 201-090545
- b. 201-082539

In reference to this LIFEAT coverage of the 4 TV lines, the local ODEWVY office has written: "From an evaluation of the information received from such coverage, this office feels that it is very valuable and many useful leads are obtained, particularly with regard to travel in and out of Mexico of American Communists who are in contact with individuals on whom coverage is maintained. It provides us with information on their activities not presently available through any other source."

NYTS/LCHARVEST 8 lines

- a. DMLET official installation, 5 telephones
- b. LCHARVEST official installation (newspaper office)
- c. Home telephone of DMLET official (201-058241)
- d. Home telephone of the BEIGEX Intelligence Service Resident (201-279128) (BEDCORN)

Specific highlights in this area of activity include:

Emergency coverage was provided on the home of BECOM who was a KUBARK recruitment target. Although the projected recruitment attempt never materialized, the rapid initiation of this coverage again proved the value of LIFEAT in supporting unilateral Station actions on short notice. In the IMLET area, LIFEAT proved to be a continuing source of information on the activities of the members of the official IMLET installation in Mexico. In addition, this coverage was a valuable check on IMPETAL, a Station agent in place in the IMLET installation.

From 1 July 1964 through 24 December 1964, project LIFEAT continued to be a reliable source of information on the activities of the officers of the LCHARVEST installation and provided identification of many of their Mexican contacts. In January 1965, the LIENVOL Project assumed the coverage of this line; however, the daily "take" from this line is still fully transcribed by Project LIFEAT for passage to LIRAMA.

HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLIGHT/TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY 8 lines

The most important of which are:

- a. UNION-177 (Special ZRCAFFY/KUDESK request)
- b. Subject of HOM-25987, 29 April 1965 (ZRCAFFY/KUDESK)
- c. LIEMBRACE-9
- d. 5 target of opportunity lines

One of the "target of opportunity" lines was initiated in an effort to verify or refute a report that the office immediately below LILINK was possibly engaged in clandestine or police type activities. This coverage revealed no clandestine activity and thus afforded an additional degree of protection to the sensitive LILINK office. The LIFEAT coverage of LIEMBRACE-9, a terminated and disassociated member of the Station's principal surveillance team, was initiated after a blackmail attempt on the part of LIEMBRACE-9. This coverage was continued until such time as it became clear that no additional blackmail effort would be forthcoming from LIEMBRACE-9.

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a. Salaries

Career and contract agents:

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| David M. WILSTED (including possible pay raise) | 13,615 |
| (GS-13, career agent) | |

Carol K. ZIMMESTER (translator)

Olga A. PARFIMIK (translator)

LIFEUD-30 (translator)

6,800

5,000

3,600\$29,015

Field Agents:

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|---|-------|
| LIFEUD-1 (Principal Mexican agent for operations) | 6,500 |
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| LIFEUD-3 (lineman) | 2,000 |
| LIFEUD-5 (basehouse keeper) | 3,650 |
| LIFEUD-6 (See Olga A. PARFIMIK, contract agent above) | |
| LIFEUD-7 (basehouse keeper) | 3,000 |
| LIFEUD-8 (basehouse keeper) | 2,800 |
| LIFEUD-9 (assistant basehouse keeper and transcriber) | 2,600 |
| LIFEUD-15 (basehouse keeper) | 845 |
| LIFEUD-24 (basehouse keeper) | 1,800 |
| LIFEUD-26 (basehouse keeper) | 1,400 |
| LIFEUD-32 (centralman) | 2,000 |
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| LIEOPTY-19 (translator) | 3,000 |

Agent to be recruited as additional translator
 Christmas bonus (by local requirements-one month's
 salary) and gifts where necessary

3,500\$2,145

b. Basehouse expenses:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| WILSTED housing allowance | 3,500 |
| Rent Annex II (MEXI-96) | 1,500 |
| Rent Annex IV (MEXI-75) | 2,400 |
| Rent Annex V (MEXI-96) | 1,600 |
| Rent Annex VI (MEXI-88) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex VII (MEXI-8) | 2,000 |
| Rent Annex VIII (MEXI-10) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex IX (MEXI-97) | 3,000 |
| LIFEAT/LIVERY Relay base (MEXI-39) | 1,000 |
| Basehouse utilities and maintenance | 3,000 |
| Allotment for rental/utility increase | 1,000 |

c. Local purchase replacement parts, wire, supplies,
equipment repair

1,000

\$1,000

d. Transportation - includes payment to agents for use of POV on daily operational business.

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| NV 2539 (used by WILSTED; expenses for 6 months) | \$ 300 |
| Replacement vehicle for NV 2539 | 3,500 |
| Use of LIFEUD-2's POV | 500 |
| Use of LIFEUD-5's POV | 400 |
| Use of LIFEUD-7's POV | 400 |
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| Mileage (official) paid to ZINSMELISTER | <u>300</u> |
| | 5,400 |

e. Miscellaneous administrative expense:

| | |
|---|------------|
| WILSTED home leave (eligible 1 February 1965) | 2,000 |
| WILSTED educational allowance | 450 |
| WILSTED operational travel | <u>200</u> |
| | 2,650 |

f. MISCELLANEOUS operational expenses:

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| Includes contingency fund, loss of rental deposits, bribes, storage and moving expenses. | 1,000 |
| TOTAL | \$107,200 U.S. |

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- 5) LIFEMD 1, 31, 25, 29, 35, 36, 24, 45, 8, 12, 7, 10, 5, 11, and 15 - Basehouse keepers - The most important duties of the above mentioned basehouse keepers, who man this project's 7 company-owned basehouses, are those relating to security. This includes the maintenance of the "cover" of the basehouse (in most cases a family residence) making daily inspections of the immediate area for the presence of telephone company wire crews, and when necessary delaying these crews in inspecting the tap routing lines on the basehouse until appropriate LIFEMAT agents can "cut back" or remove the tap. The minor servicing of the equipment, the changing of reels, and the passing of these reels to LIFEMD-24, WILSTED, or the case officer, are important but secondary tasks.
- 6) Carol K. ZIMMERMAN, Olga E. PARFINSKI, LIFEMD-9, LIFEMD-30 and LIFEMD-19 - Translators/transcribers - The Spanish dictated on the LIFEMAT reels is translated and transcribed into English by this group. (With the exception of LIFEMD-9 who transcribes into Spanish only). In addition, this group possesses the capability to translate French, Dutch, and German and is frequently called upon to assist other Station activities, such as providing transcriptions of recorded agent debriefings and the translation of articles for newspaper placement.

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Lineman LIFED-3

Centralman

ATMEND-32

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LIFEAUT (typical for early 1969)

David M. WILSTEDT
LIFED-24

ANNEX III

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David M. WILSTED, the outside LIFEAT case officer, (formerly maintained under Project LDNOG, which is now being terminated), is herewith being integrated into the LIFEAT Project. This action, hopefully, will decrease the administrative burden involved in the management of two projects and will give a more realistic picture of the expenses involved in LIFEAT, since 90% of WILSTED's activities are directly related to this project.

2) Operational Mechanism - Project LIFEAT has undergone one major operational change during the past year. In late 1963, Project LIFEAT lost its previous access to the telephone company central exchanges (centrals) due to the company's increased control of personnel movements within and between these centrals. As a direct result of this loss of access, LIFEAT was forced to revert to its original method of tapping in street distribution boxes, a method which is not only less secure but which also limits the extent of possible coverage. Therefore in early 1964, the Station took steps to spot and assess a new agent capable of providing access to the centrals under the telephone company's new system of personnel control. After discarding four potential candidates, the fifth candidate was recruited in mid-1964 after careful assessment and development by LIFEUD-1. By late 1964, the new access agent in the centrals, LIFEUD-32, had become most proficient in his operational "tap" assignments. Thus LIFEAT is now again able to establish its taps in the telephone centrals, which has greatly enhanced the scope and efficiency of this operation. A detailed report covering the operational and technical procedures used at present by LIFEAT in establishing taps was forwarded to Headquarters as HMMW-24399, dated 29 September 1964 and is available should further technical details be desired.

3) Personnel -

a. Wayne C. DRABAND (P)/LIFEUD-24 (201-119525)

In November 1964, Wayne C. DRABAND, WILSTED's assistant, departed Mexico with his wife, a KUBARK staffer who had been transferred PCS from this Station. (Prior to this departure, Station requested that LIFEUD-24's operational approval be amended to include the duties performed by DRABAND. This amendment to LIFEUD-24's approval was received in HMMW-12820, dated 13 August 1964.) DRABAND was replaced on 1 November 1964 by LIFEUD-24, who after a suitable overlap period, assumed the daily contact with various LIFEAT basehouse keepers and transcribers. LIFEUD-24 has proven to be most adept at agent handling and has cheerfully accepted the increased responsibility and work load.

b. LIFEUD-32 (201-748946)

The Operational Approval for the use of LIFEUD-32 (see Section B. CHANGES, paragraph 2) was granted via DMR-28611, dated 17 June 1964.

c. LIFEUD-33 (201-760676)

A two-month extension on Subject's PII for use as an assistant basehouse keeper was granted by HMMW-13684, dated 11 April 1965. Requisite PRQ Part II information is now being compiled.

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- d. LIFEUD-35 (formerly LICRAB-1) (201-740227)
An OA, effective 30 December 1964, was received via HMMW-13270, dated 3 January 1965, for Subject's use as a LIFEAT basehouse keeper. Subject and his wife, LIFEUD-36, are employed as basehouse keepers at LIFEAT ANNEX V.
- e. LIFEUD-35 (formerly LICRAB-2) (201-764713)
A POA effective 10 December 1964 and received on Subject via HMMW-13220, dated 16 December 1964. Requisite PRG Part II information is being compiled and will be forwarded.
- f. LIFEUD-37
A POA for Subject's use as translator/transcriber was received via HMR-11995 on 21 May 1965.
- g. LIFEUD-4 (201-117743)
HNSA-24054, dated 6 August 1964 forwarded the Agent Service Record of Subject, who died of natural causes on 11 July 1964.
- h. LIFEUD-14/LIFEUD-17 (201-117972)/(201-185370)
HNSA-24056, dated 10 September 1964, forwarded the Agent Service Records for LIFEUD-14 and LIFEUD-17, basehouse keepers who were terminated due to marital difficulties.

1. LIFEUD-16 (201-222786)

The Agent Service Record for LIFEUD-16, who was terminated due to his loss of access, was forwarded with HNSA-26158, dated 20 May 1965.

A diagram is attached as Annex I to this renewal request, showing all active agents as relating to basehouses and operational assignments.

C. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

1) Positive Intelligence

While LIFEAT is basically targeted to provide KIDESK and "operational support" information, some positive intelligence is derived as a by-product. During the ten-month period from 1 July 1964 through 30 April 1965, project LIFEAT contributed wholly or in part to 19 positive intelligence reports, which were forwarded to Headquarters as follow:

| HMS-9126 | HMS-9243 | HMS-9455 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 9127 | 9290 | 9479 |
| 9141 | 9315 | 9535 |
| 9157 | 9341 | 9543 |
| 9221 | 9390 | 9602 |
| 9226 | 9395 | |
| 9229 | 9422 | |

This relative decrease in numerical production is in part a reflection of the loss of access to the central exchanges during the initial portion of the project year (as detailed in Section B, paragraph 2), but a more

significant indication of the increased emphasis on the basic "operational support" nature of this project.

In addition to the RMs noted above, project LIFETAT had provided 29 pages of cabled reports (dissemination of which was left to Headquarters) during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. (MEXI-3369, MEXI-3370, MEXI-3372, MEXI-3373, MEXI-3374, and MEXI-3376, all of 11 May 1965.) Station Mexico City has been orally informed that this information was of great interest and in part was used to answer questions raised by OPLOGIC.

2) KUDESK

During the ten-month period under review, the LIFETAT project fulfilled a standing requirement to provide KUDESK data on the following targets:

- a. Known and suspect Soviet Intelligence officers and agents. 9 lines
- b. NYXIS/EMLET-ICHARVEST-MIZTAG-BENOVY installations and officers. 8 lines
- c. American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) (ODENVY requests). 2 lines
- d. PERUMEN installation and officers. 5 lines and LIFETAT/LIGMEN "hot" installation.
- e. PCN leaders. 7 lines
- f. Special Headquarters requests, ZP-AFTY/KUDESK requests, and targets of opportunity. 8 lines

D. EFFECTIVENESS

1) Since 1 July 1964 (through 30 April 1965), Project LIFETAT has covered a total of 40 different target lines which produced 2,256 reels of raw "take". When processed by the LIFETAT and related transcribers/translators, these reels produced approximately 6,160 pages of "take" for the interested case officers. This total was amassed despite the reduction in coverage during the initial portion of the project year as noted in CHANGES above, and does include the number of pages of transcriptions of one LIENVY line, which is transcribed daily by Project LIFETAT.

2) Highlights of this LIFETAT coverage by area of operational interest follow:

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- a. LIVESTOCK-2, former Station asset, possibly in contact with Soviet Embassy, (201-150944)
- b. AFROQUEL-1, possible Soviet illegal, (201-133511)
- c. Home telephone of KGB Resident (201-101794)
- d. Home telephone of known KGB officer (201-08722)
- e. Home telephone of known GRU officer (201-11400)
- f. Home telephone of suspect KGB officer (201-211-758017)
- g. Target of special interest to KUDESK, C/KUDO's, and ODENVY; former employee of OPLOGIC in contact with known KGB officer (201-753976)
- h. Target of special interest, ZP-AFTY/KUDESK
- i. Home/office telephone of known KGB officer (201-132139)

In this area, the LIFETAT coverage basically provides information concerning the contacts and activities of the target individuals. The interested Station Case Officer has stated that LIFETAT has continued to provide

valuable KUDESK insight into the behavior and activities of the targets monitored." Of particular interest is the coverage of the subject of 201-753976, a former employee of GPILOGIC who is now in contact with a known KGB officer. LIFEAT is at present the only major Station asset covering this target intensively and the majority of the information which has been developed on this individual has originated with LIFEAT. Prior knowledge from LIFEAT of this individual's recent travel to PRIMEX enabled ODEAVY to locate and interrogate him. In addition, the coverage of one of the above noted Soviet intelligence officers was maintained in support of a possible re-entry of the target for purposes of installing technical surveillance equipment.

PERUMEN 5 lines in addition to the LIFEAT/LICMEN technical installation

- a. Home telephone of AMRUD-1, PERUMEN intelligence officer, in support of the AMRUD operation (201-334294).
- b. Home telephone of PRIMEN MRSPAWN agent (201-336474).
- c. Home telephone of close friend of AMRUD family, particularly in support of the AMRUD-2 operation (201-357942) (at the request of JMWAVE.)
- d. Home telephone of close friend of ANDRAKE-1 (201-117124).
- e. Office telephone of PERUMEN Embassy.
- f. LIFEAT/LICMEN technical operation.

Throughout this period, the LIFEAT/LICMEN phase of this operation, linked with the normal coverage of the telephone in the same office, continued to provide operational information covering the activities in the target office of the PERUMEN Embassy. Specifically, the identities and motives of visitors to this office and persons travelling to PERUMEN, as provided by LIFEAT was of significant interest. In addition, these two installations provided an excellent check on the veracity and completeness of the reporting of Station asset LITAMIL-2. With this agent's recent departure from Mexico, the LIFEAT coverage of the target office formerly requested by LITAMIL-2 has assumed additional importance. The coverage of the known PERUMEN MRSPAWN agent provided information of significant value during the crisis in the Dominican Republic in early May 1965. During this month, summaries of this take were cabled to Headquarters almost daily.

In an evaluation of the LIFEAT product in this area, the senior Headquarters' case officer for the AMRUD operation, Thomas J. UNGARAT (P) wrote: "The AMRUD operation, a successful deception operation run for more than two years against PRIMEN was originally predicated upon the documentary materials obtained through LIFEAT in 1957. Since the inception of the AMRUD operation in April 1963, LIFEAT has continued to be the main source of information used in this deception, which has had important military effects in the target country. The most recent specific benefit of the LIFEAT operation useful in the AMRUD operation has been the coverage of AMRUD-1. This coverage, pertaining as it does to the opposition case officer in the AMRUD operation, has enabled KUBARK case officers to keep up with his movements, problems and state of mind, and has made it possible to effect a better evaluation of his character than would otherwise have been possible. In summary, the LIFEAT operation has been and continues to be the backbone of the information on which the AMRUD operation is based and on which the principal mechanisms through which its results can be followed will be tactical situation properly evaluated and acted upon."

PCM 6 lines - High level PCM leaders, subjects of:

- a. 201-042557
- b. 201-067016
- c. 201-336389
- d. 201-745387
- e. 201-745327
- f. UNMA-25610, 17 March 1965

In addition to providing the majority of the positive intelligence reports noted in Section C above, the continued LIFEAT coverage in this area is basically designed to support the Station's CP penetration program and to monitor the activities of various high level CP functionaries. Of special interest was the coverage of subject of 201-067016, who is actively engaged in daily LICHARVEST activities. LIFEAT's other coverages in this area provided the initial information on various planned trips by high ranking PCM members, the site and date of a PCM leadership training school, and served as an excellent check on the Station's various penetration agents. In addition, the Station's continuing MESPAWN operation targeted against the PCM bookstore is based largely on LIFEAT information; LIFEAT information also provides an excellent check on the effectiveness as well as the PCM reaction to this operation. Finally, the coverage of Subject of UNMA-25610, dated 17 March 1965 was instituted in direct support of the recruitment operation targeted against Subject, planned for late May 1965.

AMERICAN COMMUNIST GROUP IN MEXICO (ACGM) 2 lines

The home telephones of two ACMG leaders at the request of ODENY, subjects of:

- a. 201-090648
- b. 201-067589

In reference to this LIFEAT coverage of the 2 lines, the local ODENY office has written: "From an evaluation of the information received from such coverage, this office feels that it is very valuable and very useful leads are obtained, particularly with regard to travel in and out of Mexico of American Communists who are in contact with individuals on whom coverage is maintained. It provides us with information on their activities not presently available through any other source."

MEXICO/LICHARVEST 6 lines

- a. DMLET official installation, 5 telephones
- b. LICHARVEST official installation (news office)
- c. Home telephone of DMLET official (201-058214)
- d. Home telephone of the RKNOK Intelligence Service Resident (201-279128) (SECORN)

Specific highlights in this area of activity include:

Emergency coverage was provided on the home of BECORN who was a KUBARK recruitment target. Although the projected recruitment attempt never materialized, the rapid initiation of this coverage again proved the value of LIFEAT in supporting unilateral Station actions on short notice. In the IMLET area, LIFEAT proved to be a continuing source of information on the activities of the members of the official IMLET installation in Mexico. In addition, this coverage was a valuable check on IMPETAL, a Station agent in place in the IMLET installation.

From 1 July 1964 through 24 December 1964, project LIFEAT continued to be a reliable source of information on the activities of the officers of the LCHARVEST installation and provided identification of many of their Mexican contacts. In January 1965, the LIEVCOY Project assumed the coverage of this line; however, the daily "take" from this line is still fully transcribed by Project LIFEAT for passage to LIRAMA.

HEADQUARTERS REQUEST/TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY 8 lines

The most important of which are:

- a. UNION-177 (Special ZRCAFFY/KUDESK request)
- b. Subject of RPA-25983, 29 April 1965 (ZRCAFFY/KUDESK)
- c. LIEMERACE-9
- d. 5 target of opportunity lines

One of the "target of opportunity" lines was initiated in an effort to verify or refute a report that the office immediately below LILINK was possibly engaged in clandestine or police type activities. This coverage revealed no clandestine activity and thus afforded an additional degree of protection to the sensitive LILINK office. The LIFEAT coverage of LIEMERACE-9, a terminated and disassociated member of the Station's principal surveillance team, was initiated after a blackmail attempt on the part of LIEMERACE-9. This coverage was continued until such time as it became clear that no additional blackmail effort would be forthcoming from LIEMERACE-9.

E. PROBLEMS

- 1) On various occasions throughout the past project year, telephone company crews, engaged in re-wiring street distribution boxes in conjunction with the company's modernization program, have "invaded" areas served by LIFEAT basehouses. In several instances, the telephone crews discovered cable terminals which according to their records, should have not been in use, but which were in fact "hot" (i.e., used to route LIFEAT taps.) In all instances, WILSTED and the LIFEAT linemen were able to remove all traces of these taps before the telephone company crews could verify and record their origins and/or termini. Consequently, "flaps" were avoided in all cases, but it was necessary to suspend operational activity in the effected basehouses until such time as the crews left the area. Although this problem will continue to plague LIFEAT for some time to come, WILSTED and the LIFEAT linemen are making a special effort to obtain advance warning of telephone company crews working in the areas served by LIFEAT basehouses.

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a. Salaries:

Career and contract agents:

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| David M. WILSTED (including possible pay raises) | 13,615 |
| (IS-13, career agent) | |

Carol K. ZIMMERMAN (translator)

Olga A. PARFIMIK (translator)

LIFEGD-30 (translator)

6,500

5,000

1,600

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Field Agents:

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| LIFEGD-1 (Principal Mexican agent for operations) | 6,500 |
| LIFEGD-2 (liaison) | 2,500 |
| LIFEGD-3 (liaison) | 2,000 |
| LIFEGD-5 (basehouse keeper) | 3,650 |
| LIFEGD-6 (See Olga A. PARFIMIK, contract agent above) | 5,000 |
| LIFEGD-7 (basehouse keeper) | 2,800 |
| LIFEGD-8 (basehouse keeper) | 2,600 |
| LIFEGD-9 (assistant basehouse keeper and transcriber) | 645 |
| LIFEGD-15 (basehouse keeper) | 1,500 |
| LIFEGD-24 (basehouse keeper) | 1,400 |
| LIFEGD-26 (basehouse keeper) | 2,000 |
| LIFEGD-32 (centralman) | 1,250 |
| LIFEGD-35 (basehouse keeper) | 3,000 |
| LIFEGD-37 (translator) | 5,000 |
| LIFEGD-19 (translator) | 2,000 |
| Agent to be recruited as additional translator | 1,500 |
| Christmas bonus (by local requirements-one month's salary) and gifts where necessary | 12,145 |

b. Basehouse expenses:

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| WILSTED housing allowance | 3,500 |
| Rent Annex II (MEKI-95) | 1,500 |
| Rent Annex IV (MEKI-75) | 2,500 |
| Rent Annex V (MEKI-96) | 1,600 |
| Rent Annex VI (MEKI-88) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex VII (MEKI-8) | 2,000 |
| Rent Annex VIII (MEKI-1) | 3,000 |
| Rent Annex IX (MEKI-97) | 3,000 |
| LIFEGD/LIVERY Relay base (MEKI-39) | 1,000 |
| Basehouse utilities and maintenance | 3,000 |
| Allowance for rental/utility increases | 1,000 |

c. Local purchase replacement parts, wire, supplies, equipment repair

1,000

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d. Transportation - includes payment to agents for use of POV on daily operational business.

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| MV 2559 (used by WILSTED) expenses for 6 months) | \$ 300 |
| Replacement vehicle for MV 2559 | 3,500 |
| Use of LIFEUD-2's POV | 500 |
| Use of LIFEUD-5's POV | 400 |
| Use of LIFEUD-7's POV | 400 |
| Use of LIFEUD-8's | 300 |
| Use of LIFEUD-24's POV | 500 |
| Mileage (official) paid to ZINSMEISTER | <u>300</u> |
| | 6,400 |

e. Miscellaneous administrative expense:

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| WILSTED home leave (eligible 1 February 1965) | 2,000 |
| WILSTED educational allowance | 450 |
| WILSTED operational travel | <u>200</u> |
| | 2,650 |

f. MISCELLANEOUS operational expense:

Includes contingency fund, loss of rental deposits, bribes, storage and moving expenses.

1,000

TOTAL \$107,200 U.S.

J. EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

- 1) In the event of civil disorders or the evolution of complete or enforced neutrality on the part of the host government it is believed that regular operational contact could be maintained with the native agents, with only minor changes in the existing communication systems.
- 2) In the most unlikely event of the establishment of a regime hostile to OUNION, limited but continued contact could probably be maintained with the regular operational assets. It is believed that LIFEAT would, under the conditions described above, be able to continue to operate against current or new targets.